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Angela Renalds – Environmental Officer
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Dear Ms. Renalds –

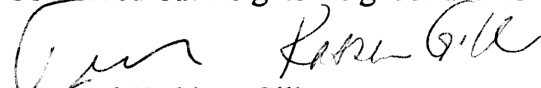
As a resident and home owner of California Heights (3654 Brayton Ave), I am very concerned about the proposed expansion of the Long Beach airport. My concerns are that the quality of life for me and my family will diminish over time. The specifics are as follows:

1. Noise pollution – there is already a good amount of air plane noise pollution in the neighborhood and additional flights would only cause noise pollution to increase – therefore causing increased stress and decreasing the quality of my life.
2. Air pollution – additional flights and traffic will further diminish the air quality around the airport (which I live near by) – therefore increasing the health risks of living in my neighborhood
3. Property values – many people in my neighborhood (including myself) have spent substantial time and money making substantial upgrades to their historic homes. Too many airplanes will cause those who have the means to move to do so and thus reducing the value of the neighborhood properties.

To say the least, I am disappointed that the City has chosen the absolute worst time for the public to review the EIR and its findings. If the review period was in January, the public outcry would be much larger than what you will get by Dec 22nd. For that matter, why not the final review dates of the 25th – then the proponents could really say the neighbors of the airport don't care about the expansion.

Lastly, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that if you spend the money to build beyond the needed capacity (whether it is an airport, car dealership, hotel, convention center etc), that eventually you will fill it to maximum capacity. This is simple economics. To coin a phrase from Field of Dreams "Build it and they will come" – that is a true statement and something I don't want to happen in Long beach.

Concerned Cal Heights Neighbor and home owner


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